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LUSAKA, SEPTEMBER 27 -- TODAY'S ZAMBIAN PRESS GIVES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE MEETING OF THE FIVE HEADS OF FRONTLINE STATES HELD IN LUSAKA YESTERDAY. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA, UNDER A BANNER "SMITH PLAN THORWN OUT," AND THE DAITY MA L, UNDER A HEADLINE, "BIG FIVE URGE BRITAIN TO CALL FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS," CARRY ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES ON THE MEETING IN LUSAKA YESTERDAY. THE STORIES ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD ACCOUNT BASED MAINLY ON THE STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF THE FIVE-NATION SUMMIT CONFERENCE AND INCLUDE THE FULL TEXT OF THE STATEMENT.

THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA ALSO CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE STORY "MUZOREWA WRITES OFF SHAM U.S. FREEDOM PROPOSALS." THE RHODESIAN NATIONALIST LEADER IS QUOTED AS HAVING SAID YESTERDAY IN LUSAKA: "THAT HIS GROUP FAILED TO SEE HOW MAJORITY RULE COULD BE CRATED THROUGH THE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BY RHODESIAN LEADER IAN SMITH LAST FRIDAY -- INSTEAD, WE SEE THE PROPOSALS AS AIMED AT CREATING A PUPPET BLACK GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE." "UNTIL WE ARE CONOINCED THAT THERE IS A PLAN FOR MAJORITY RULE IN THE PROPOSALS, UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY ARE UNACCEPTABLE AS THEY ARE."

ASKED WHETHER HE DID NOT THINK THE PROPOSALS WERE BETTER THAN NOTHING SINCE THEY AIMED AT BRINOING ABOUT MAJORITY RULE, BISHOP MOZOREWA REPLIED: "WE DON T HAVE TO DIE FOR HALF MEASURE." ASKED WHETHER HE WAS KEEN TO THE PART IN ANY INTERIM GOVERNMENT, THE BISHOP RETORTED: "I L KE NROS ING TRIDGES WHEN I COME TO THEM."

UNDER THE MUZOREWA STORY THE TIMES ALSO FEATURED RUSSIAN REACTION TO THE KISSINGER PLAN. THESE REACTIONS WERE BASED ON TASS DISPATCHES FROM MAPUTO, AND WASHINGTON BUT APPEAR TO BE DRAWN FROM A REUTERS WRAP UP OF SOVIET STATEMENTS ON RECNT DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE STORY TERMS SOVIET ACTIVITIES AS A BITTER CAPMAIGN AGAINST THE KISSIGER MISSION.

BOTH THE TIMES AND THE MAIL CONTAIN REACTION REPORTS FROM VARIOUS WORLD CAPITALS TO THE SMITH S SPEECH AND THE LUSAKA SUMMIT CONFERENCE STATEMENT.

THE DAILY MAIL, IN ANOTHER FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADED " ---AND OAU SAYS NO", REPORTS ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY IN LUSAKA BY SIR HAROLD WALTER, MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MAURITIUS AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE MAURITIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IS REPORTED TO HAVE TERMED THE RHODESIAN PROPOSALS FOR A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT AS UNFAIR AND UNACCEPTABLE TO THE OAU AND TO HAVE SAID THT THE PROVISION UNDER WHICH WHITES WOULD RETAIN CONTROL OF THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE AND LAW AND ORDER IS UNFAIR. HE ISSUED A WARNING THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD CONTINUE IF THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE "NOT HONORABLE, FAIR, JUST AND EQUITABLE." UNDER THE SAME STORY THE MAIL REPORTS THAT ON ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA LAST NIGHT OAU SECRETARY GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA DECLARED THAT HE "LAS VERY HAPPY WITH THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE FIVE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS." BOTH NEWSPAPERS OFFER OPINION ON THE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TODAY S EDITORIALS,

ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL

THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF THE EFFORTS OF DR. HENRY KISSINGER TO BRING PEACE TO SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THAT HE HAS SUCCEDED TO GET REBEL LEADER IAN SMITH TO ACCEPT THE INEVITABILITY OF MAJORITY UNCLASSIFIED

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RULE IN RHODESIA AND HAVE IT REALIZED WITHIN TWO YEARS.

AND WHAT FORCED THE AMERICANS TO GET THEMSELVES INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WERE THE EFFORTS OF THE FEEDOM FIGHTERS WHO HAVE CARRIED OUT THE WAR.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ... MUST CONTINUE TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS UNTIL THE FREEDOM ... HAS BEEN REALIZED.

NOW THAT THE NGOL-AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC IN PART, IT IS VERH IMPORTANT THAT POSITIVE STEPS ARE TAKEN ... SO THAT THERE IS NO CONFUSING OR DELIBERATE MISINTERPRETATION OF THE PROPOSALS ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF REBEL LEADER IAN SMITH.

THE FIVE FRONTLINE HEADS OF STATE ... HAVE DEFINED CLEAR POSITIONS WHICH ALL THOSE INVOLVED MUST FOLLOW IF THERE IS TO BE NO CONFUING LATER.

IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT FOM NOW ONWARD CORRECT INTERPRETATION AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS ARE WORKED OUT AND STRICTLY OBSERVED.

AND THIS WILL ONLY BE DONE IF THE BRITISH START NOW TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE WHICH WILL DEAL WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN MAJORITY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN MAJORTY GOVENMNT MUST BE THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF RHODESIA AS A WHOLE BLACK AND WHITE

THEY MUST DECIDE AS A WHOLE ON THE NATURE OF BOTH THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND AGREE THEIR COMPOSITION.

WE DO NOT THINK THAT THE KISSINGER MISSION WILL HAVE ACHIEVED ANYTHING

IF ANY FUTURE MOVES ARE NOT WORKED OUT AND MADE BINDING ON THE BLACK AND WHITE POLITICIANS WHO HAVE OEEN FIG TING EACH OTHER DURING THE PAST TWELVE YEARS.

AFTER AN AFRICAN MAJORITY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED, AND AN AGREEMENT REACHED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ... THE BRITISH CAN POCEED TO START DISCUSSING THE WORKING OUT OF THE DETAILS OF THE ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION.

...THE QUESTION OF WHO IS TO HOLD THIS OR THAT PORTOFOLIO SHOULD BE THE SUBJET OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE BLAKS AND WJITES AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

THERE IS WAR STILL GOING ON AND THIS WAR WILL ONLY END WHEN THE WARRING FACTIONS HAVE AGREED ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT TH KISSINGER PROPOSALS TO MAKE THE WAR UNNECESSARY.

WHAT WE BELIEVE IS IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE IS FOR THE BRITISH AND THE AMERICANS TO KNOW THAT IF THE AFRICAN NATIONALISTS ARE NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION NOW, THEY WILL BECOME PART OF THE PROBLEM IN THE FUTURE.
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IF AFRICAN NATIONALISTS DO NOT AGREE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT NOW THE AFRICN MAJORTY TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL BE A NON-STARTER AND WAR WILL NOT END.

THE AMERICANS WILL DO WELL TO ENSURE THAT SMITH IS MADE TO GO TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE WITH THE SINCERITY OF THE FIRVE AFRICAN FRONT-LINE HEADS OF STATE, TO ENSURE SUCCESS AND TO AVOID TOTAL FAILURE AND THE GHASTLINESS OF THE ALTERNATIVES.

TIMES OF ZAMBIA:

FIRSTLY, ALTHOUGH THE FINAL TO CHE WERE ORGANIZED BY HENRY KISSINGER, IT IS THE YOUNG FIGHTERS BEAR NG THE BRUNT OF THE LIBERATION WAR FOR ZIMBABWE THAT BROUGHT ABOUT THE SURRENDER.

SECONDLY, THIS IS NOT TO SAY THE US HAS NOT PLAYED A PART. IT HAS. AND PROBABLY NO OTHER COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT THE ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF THE WEST TO WHICH RHODESIA S UMILICAL CORD HANGS WOULD HAVE SUCCEDED INDOING WHAT KISSINGER APPEARS TO HAVE DONE.

THIRDLY, KISSINGER S GROUND HAD BEEN TILLED MOST THROUGHLY BY THE OAU THROUGH THE FRONTLINE STATES IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE MANIFETO ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

FOURTHLY, SMITH S SURRENDER, ... IS BASICALLY GNUINE AND IF THE BLACK LEADERSHIPS IN RHODESIA WAS READY AND UNTIED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY MAJORITY RL THE VERY HOUR SMITH ANNOUNCED THE

SURRENDER.

FIFTHLY, BECAUSE THE BLACK LEADERSHIP IS NOT READY COLLECTTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY TO ACCEPT THE SURRENDER... IN FACT THE SURRENDER ITSELF COULD TURN OUT TO BE A LETHAL WEAPON AGAINST LIBERATION.

THE NATIONALIST LEADERS THEMSELVES ... WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THEIR COLLEAGUES EXCLUDED FROM THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT S WELL AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND FINALLY FROM THE CORRIDORS OF POWER ALTOGEHTER.

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SIXTHLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SMITH DOES NOT BECOME THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE BECUS THIS WOULD STULTIFY THE SURRENDER.

THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED N THE DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT EVEN AS AN OVERSEER.

SEVENTHLY, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTER S SHOULD RUN THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

EIGHTHLY, THE WAR AND SANCTIONS HAVE TO CONTINUE UNTILL AFTER THE AGREEMENT ON THE MAJORTY RUL CONSTITUION HAS BEEN REACHED.

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